

# FLEETS BATTER WAY UP THE DARDANELLES

## Sultan Skips from Istamboul in Advance of the Flotilla

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FIX TAX RATE AT PRACTICALLY LAST YEAR'S SUM

The board of county commissioners has fixed the tax levy for Nye county at \$1.02 for the current year. This is apportioned as follows: County school, 27 cents; salary, 29 cents; general, 35 cents; indigent, 7 cents; contingent, 2 cents; refunding of bonds, 2 cents. This is the same as last year's rate.

Within the town of Tonopah the additional tax is: New school principal, 5 cents; interest, 2 cents; Tonopah school principal, 25 cents; Tonopah school

emergency, 25 cents; Tonopah fire department, 36 cents; streets and alleys, 18 cents, making an addition of \$1.10. The Tonopah special fire tax was omitted. The two school taxes were raised two cents each. The regular fire tax was lowered 4 cents.

In the Tonopah school district: New school house principal fund, 5 cents; interest, 2 cents; Tonopah special, 25 cents; emergency, 25 cents. Manhattan school house principal, 30 cents; interest, 30 cents; Rhyolite school principal, \$1; interest, \$1.

### P. A. BARKER DIES OF HEART DISEASE

SUDDEN ENDING OF LIFE AT HOSPITAL THIS MORNING

Peter A. Barker, a machinist, who for some time past was employed running the compressor at the Belmont, died this morning about 9 o'clock at the hospital of the Mine Operators' association. He had been ill only one day and suffered from organic heart trouble.

Mr. Barker was aged about 60 years. He was a Mason, a member of No. 4 of Tucson, Arizona, P. & A. M. His wife is at present at Los Angeles. Arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until she is communicated with.

Mrs. Barker wired late this afternoon from Los Angeles that she will leave at once for Tonopah. The funeral will probably take place here Sunday afternoon.

### NO LIABILITIES FOR DELAY ARE ASSUMED

CANAL OFFICIALS GIVE NOTICE OF CONDITION OF CULEBRA SLIDE

PANAMA, March 5.—Canal officials have given notice that in view of the condition of the channel alongside the Culebra slide, they will not assume liability for delays or for damages that may be caused ships. Numerous inquiries which have reached the canal offices, occasioned by delay in the passage of ships, prompted the notice. It is held that the canal is still under construction and that its opening prior to the formal date has been made only as an accommodation to shipping interests.

### OFFICERS NAMED BY MOOSE LODGE

ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE MEETING NEXT TUESDAY EVENING

The following are nominated for office by Tonopah lodge, No. 974, Loyal Order of Moose: W. B. Evans, past dictator; M. M. McCormick, dictator; Earl Lydon, vice-dictator; E. J. Ruppey, prelate; Fred Steen, secretary; Paul Stratton, Wm. Paul, treasurer; Louis Gregovich, Mickey Johns, Cap Belmont, inner guard; W. Brunnett, outer guard; Cap Belmont, W. T. Summerville, Wm. Paul, Steve May, trustees; delegate to supreme convention, W. B. Evans, Jos. C. Piercy; alternate to supreme convention, Judge Averill; physician, Dr. J. C. Cowden, Dr. Masterson.

W. O. DRESSER returned this morning from San Diego, where he has been looking after tree planting and other details on his newly acquired farm land at National City.

### PIPEMAN AT SANDGRASS SHAFT TODAY IS CRUSHED BY COUNTERBALANCE

August G. Nolte was killed instantly this morning at 9:30 in the Sandgrass shaft of the Tonopah Mining company. Mr. Nolte was working on the eighth level. He was investigating the flow of air to the 10th level and had climbed the ladder to the damper, which directs the air in the pipes from the fan.

While so engaged the counterbalance descended and caught him, crushing his head against the timbers. The counterbalance was wedged and the cage stopped. Two miners working at the station climbed the ladder and rang the cage down, which released the body. It was carried to the station and then hoisted. The accident was a particularly regrettable one in view of the fact that Mr. Nolte was a young man of exemplary habits and leaves a young wife. He was only 26 years of age. The deceased was a member of the mine rescue team of the Tonopah Mining company. The inquest was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Coroner Dunseath.

### SPAIN SUFFERS FROM A FOOD FAMINE

MADRID, March 5.—Evidence that Spain is suffering more severely economically from the war than any other country excepting the belligerents is contained in dispatches from

provincial centers. Food prices are rising. A mob stormed the baker shops at Murcia and guards were called. In Seville and other cities the authorities were obliged to resort to drastic expedients.

### LOOTING MAY BEGIN IN MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Secretary Bryan and Ambassador DeGama of Brazil conferred today over reports that General Obregon is threatening to evacuate Mexico City and cutting off of the water supply and that looting may begin. Three hundred merchants, who resisted Obregon's decrees, have been imprisoned. Secretary Bryan dispatched a message to Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz to make the strongest possible representations to General Carranza, urging him to take action to relieve the dangers that are threatening Mexico City.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:

	1915	1914
5 a. m.	24	39
9 a. m.	25	42
12 noon	31	52
2 p. m.	34	56

### OBREGON'S COMMAND SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS

TWO HUNDRED OF HIS MEN DROWNED IN A WATER MAIN

MEXICO CITY, March 5.—Two hundred men of General Obregon's command were drowned in the water main leading out to the suburban sources of Mexico City's water supply in a recent attempt to get to the rear of the Zapatista forces.

When the Zapatistas were compelled to evacuate the capital a few weeks ago they retired to the suburb of Xochimilco and seized the sources of the city's water supply, making the capital dependent on artesian wells and a small reservoir in a park near Chapultepec castle. The unfinished sewers, due to the fact that a scarcity of water made it unwise to use it for anything than drinking purposes, seriously menaced the health of the city. General Obregon made many attempts to recapture the main sources of the water supply in the old Indian town of Xochimilco, but all of them were repulsed by Zapata's men. A daring raid was finally decided upon, for which General Obregon detached 200 of his men. He ordered them to drop into the mains which had long been dry, and to attempt to travel through them to an opening at the rear of Zapata's main position. A spy informed the latter general of the ruse and after the men had been allowed to travel some distance in the mains, the full force of the water was turned on, drowning the invading force to a man.

CHICAGO, March 5.—A blizzard in the middle west and southwestern states is reported from Chicago, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. There is from four to seventeen inches of snow. Telegraph and telephone communication is hampered.

### BLIZZARD PREVAILS IN MIDDLE WEST

TRAINS ARE LATE AND TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE LINES OUT OF COMMISSION

KANSAS CITY, March 5.—Some trains are four hours late owing to the heavy snow.

OMAHA, March 5.—The heaviest storm of the winter prevailed in North and South Dakota and Iowa today. Four inches of snow fell here. All trains are late.

### MAILS USED FOR PRIVATE PURPOSE

SUIT INSTITUTED BY GOVERNMENT TO RECOVER SUM DUE FOR POSTAGE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A suit to recover \$57,000 from Trueman Palmer, secretary of the United States beet sugar industry, has been filed by the government, alleging that the sum was the proper postage on 300,000 copies of "Sugar at a Glance," delivered in the mails under the frank of Senator Lodge. It is alleged that Palmer substituted the pamphlets for tables of figures used by Senator Lodge in a tariff debate and that the postal authorities were deceived into believing that they were proper to be carried.

### MORE MONEY NOW THAN EVER BEFORE

THREE QUARTERS OF A BILLION DOLLARS LYING IDLE IN BANK

CHICAGO, March 5.—Festus Wade, a St. Louis banker, in testifying for the railroads in the western rate case, said there was more idle money in this country now than ever before, still the railroads were charged a higher rate of interest. He said there was \$750,000,000 of idle money in the vaults of the reserve bank in New York.

### BALLIET CASE CALLED

The case of Letson Balliet vs. Florence E. Balliet on motion to set aside the decree of divorce granted the plaintiff, was called last evening in Judge Averill's court. A number of telegrams that passed between plaintiff and defendant were read and the matter was continued until Saturday when certain letters will be introduced in evidence.

### FRENCH LEAVE REGIMENT OF DEAD IN FRONT OF ENTANGLEMENTS BUILT BY GERMANS WHERE ATTACK OCCURRED

ATHENS, March 5.—The allied fleets are slowly battering their way up through the Dardanelles without so far as known a single loss among the ships. The sultan of Turkey, according to a report, has already fled from Constantinople. However, Enver Pasha, in an interview at Constantinople, deprecates the seriousness of the bombardment of the Dardanelles, and insisted that the real defenses of the straits are not affected.

ROME, March 5.—The Russian Black sea fleet is steaming toward the Bosphorus.

BERLIN, March 5.—The French left a thousand dead before the German entanglement as a result of one of several attacks at night, near Celles. Heavy fighting is occurring in the Champagne district. The attacks have been repulsed.

### TWO FREIGHTERS SUNK IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

BREMEN, March 5.—The captain of the American steamer Gulfright is reported to have witnessed the destruction of two freighters, one loaded with rice and the other coal, in the English channel, by a German submarine. The fate of the crews is not known.

### GERMAN SUBMARINES MEET DESTRUCTION

ONE THRUST BY TORPEDO BOAT, ANOTHER RAMMED BY COLLIER

LONDON, March 5.—The admiralty has confirmed the reports of the sinking of two German submarines, U-8, destroyed by a torpedo boat, and unidentified submersible rammed by the collier Thoridis. The U-8's crew of twenty-nine were taken prisoners and landed at Dover.

### AMERICAN CAPTAIN WITNESSES CATASTROPHE CAUSED BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The food situation in Mexico City is further complicated by a new decree by General Obregon, the Carranza commander, ordering that the merchants open their shops and accept constitutional currency. The Spanish ambassador has consulted Secretary Bryan. Many merchants in Mexico City are Spaniards. Refusal to accept Carranza currency by decree orders imprisonment.

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### AUSTRIANS LEAVE BUKAWINA CITY

MAIN FORCE OF TEUTONS RETREATS IN DIRECTION OF FRANZENTHAL

BUCHAREST, March 5.—The Russian offensive in Galicia has forced the Austrians to evacuate Czernowitz, the capital of Bukovina. The main Austrian force has retired in the direction of Franzenthal.

### BLACK SEA FLEET NEARS CONSTANTINOPLE

RUSSIANS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH ALLIED VESSELS IN THE DARDANELLES

LONDON, March 5.—While the Anglo-French fleet is striking at the Dardanelles, the Russian Black sea fleet will attack the approaches to Constantinople from the east, according to advices. The Russian fleet is now off the Bulgarian coast.